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Previous References

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Part B for February 1927

SUBJECT

Petition from Lingamachary
bringing to notice that 19 costly pearls
in the necklace of the God have been
substituted by inferior ones.

22 Feb 3 Date 5 To the Dir. Comr.
8th 2. 1927.

Govt agree with the
Dir. Comr. that no further
action called for

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(May)

NOTES.

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FILE HEADING.

Loss of costly pearls in the necklaces of the
Nanjangud Sri Srikanteswara Swami Temple

From

Smar (Goldsmith) Lingannachari

No. Refu

Dated 28.10.25

Received 31/10/25

iary No. 528

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Brings to the notice of Govt that 19 costly pearls in the three "Kandis" or "Pearl necklaces" of the temple have been substituted by inferior pearls & that no enquiry has been instituted into or action taken in the matter.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

The fact is the Goldsmith employed in the temple, as stated by him - to the effect that he observed during the last visit, when in Karthikamasa that 19 pearls were missing in the three pearl necklaces, it is to be

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in favour of the Government
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Dr. to H.C. Secy

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May be a P.S. Secy.

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To.

May, Commr.

Do 13.11.25 C.M. & B.
for confidential enquiry & report
for use of the Government

from Sema Lingamachari of the temple for
stating that pearls of the temple
replaced by conf. ...

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From Sema Lingamachari of the
Kanjangud Temple, petn without date and
signature -
Thro: P.S. to H.H. -

Prays that enquiry may be instituted
into the case by the Police inst. & not by the
S.D.O. -

6. The petition from Sema Lingamachari, the Sema of the temple, is not signed by him & is not dated.

7. The previous petition to the H.H. is a confidential enquiry and report. It will be seen from the present petn that confidential enquiry is going on. The petn prays for Police enquiry and not Rev. enquiry -

8. Subd. for orders as to whether the petn may also be sent to H.C. in continuation.

8D - The memorial is not signed
13.11.25 The memorial is not signed
already ordered may be awaited.
no action seems nec. in the petn

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Peta regd. no. 668 of 5.12.25 from Smtar
Lingamachari praying that the investiga-
tion of the case may be entrusted to the Police
& not to the S.D.O (Rmr).

11. The member's order with regard to the
previous pet^{recd} through the P. to H. H. is that
the report already called for should be
awaited. The report was called for on 5.11.25.
Ordinarily, reminders are issued after 2 months
May the report be awaited or the pet be sent
to the M.C. & an early report called for.

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9.12.25 - R.L.

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15.12.25

13. Draft letter to the Muz. Commr. ~~may be~~
is subd.

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To. muz Commr
No. 809 of 8.1.26.

Forwards the above in conti-
nuation of No 538 of 5.11.25 & call for
report already due.

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From the Muz: Court, letter No. P.C 105 of 25-26

Forwards copy of letter from D.C. Mysore
reporting on the allegations made by Sona
Lingannachari and states that under
the circumstances reported, no further
action appears called for — — — — —

15. Not only the S D O & the Dy: Commr.,
but also the Muz: Court, who ^{have} examined in
detail Lingannachari, are of opinion that
the allegations made by Lingannachari
in the matter of substitution of inferior
pearls for costly ones in the pearl neck-
laces of the temple, cannot be proved
& that they appear to ~~be~~ be vexatious
& prompted by personal animosity & ill-will
against his kinsman Chandraasachari-
chari & others connected with the temple's
management.

16 The Muz: Court states that the temple
jewels have been subjected to critical
examination more than once & have been
found to be all right. However, to place
the matter beyond all reasonable doubt
he proposes to have the necklaces ex^d
by an expert goldsmith attached to
the Palace & if that is approved, he states
he would take the necessary action in
the matter.

17. Sub^d for orders as to whether the
proposal may be approved.

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is held in the matter, & a report sent up by the D.C. (H.D.). The Temple jewels were critically examined more than once. The D.C. himself examined the jewels on 19-1-26, in the presence of three Sharma-drasies (two of them whom two were mentioned by the pet^r, in his statement, and found no reason for suspicion. The pet^r's statement that he intimated the charge of theft, to the Sharma-drasies (messrs. Krishnappa & Chikka Puttaswami setts) are fully disproved by them. The pet^r's version of signing the Shaw Baid Kap^r out of fear is also disproved by the Peshkar and other Temple servants. The pet^r is not able to give any other evidence, & his story remains unsubstantiated.

19) The Muz. Comm^r has also enquired of the pet^r in detail, denying his visit to Denjanga on the 5th of last month. He considers that no credence can be placed on the pet^r's unsupported statements; & that the allegations are vexatious & are prompted by personal animosity & ill-will against his kinsman & others, connected with the Temple management, & that no further investigation or examⁿ of the jewels seems to be necessary.

20) But to place the matter beyond all reasonable doubt, he suggests the examⁿ of the jewels by an expert goldsmith attached to the Palace, & requests orders for making arrangements in communication with the Hindu Secy.

His suggestion may be a for

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22) The Com. may be asked to
take action on the lines proposed
as the end of para 3 of this letter
is for the record.

23) As the case is one of importance
a D.F.N. may be put up
reporting the facts for the Government
to see.

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24) Draft submitted with a D.F.N.

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25) 1) The draft put up to the
m.c. may be approved.

2) The D.F.N. put up is revised
a clean copy ~~sent~~ put up
approval. ~~sent~~

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27) 18th meeting

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28) There are 4 cases
for submission to Govt with a D.F.N.

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30) D.F.N. sent for approval.

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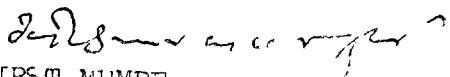
Final Note by the First Member of Council.

Subject:—

Allegations of Sonar Lingannachari, that certain jewels in the Nanjangud temple have been tampered with.

32 Sonar Lingannachari, a gold-smith of Sri Srikanteswaraswami temple at Nanjangud having petitioned to Government stating that 10 costly pearls estimated at Rs.10,000 which were contained in the 3 pearl neck-laces belonging to Sri Srikanteswaraswami had been substituted by inferior pearls during the Girija Kalyana in June 1925, the petition was referred to the Muzrai Commissioner for investigation and report. From the report of the Muzrai Commissioner received with his letter dated 2nd/4th March 1926, it is seen that the matter was fully enquired into by the local officers at Nanjangud and by the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore and that the Deputy Commissioner who personally examined the jewels in the presence of the Dharmadarsis and several officials has stated that "the jewels appeared to be quite genuine and there was no reason to suspect that the pearls in the Kalties had been substituted" and that there is not a shred of evidence to support the petitioner's version. The Muzrai Commissioner who made personal enquiries in the matter at Nanjangud on the 5th February 1926 has also expressed the opinion that the allegations of the petitioner are - vexatious and are prompted by personal animosity and ill-will against his kinsman Chandrasekharachari and others connected with the temple management. The Muzrai Commissioner having however, with a view to remove all possible room for doubt in the matter, suggested the re-examination of the jewels by an expert gold-smith attached to the Palace, his suggestion has been approved, and he has been requested to take necessary further action and report the result at an early date.

33 The papers are submitted for His Highness' gracious perusal.


FIRST MEMBER

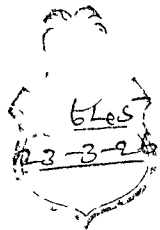
Submitted to His Highness.



34 I submit herewith a Final Note by the ~~First~~ ...
Member of Council on the subject of ~~Enquiry into~~ the
allegations of Sonar Lingannachari. that certain jewels
in the Nanjangud temple have been tampered with.
for His Highness' gracious ~~approval~~ perusal

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders
of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.



35 Enquiry into the allegation of Surar
Linganrachari, that certain jewels in the
Nanjangud Temple have been tampered with.

Order.

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25/3/20

Rev. Secy W

Seen
my 6/4/20
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26/3/20

Submitted.

1) For perusal
to M.C.
2) The draft already put
up (if approved by the Secy) may
be approved for issue

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To the Muz Commr

No 1258 of 30.3.26

States that action may be taken on the lines proposed by him for a re-examⁿ of the jewels by an expert of the Palace & requests that the result may be reported to Govt.

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6/4Fr. M^r. Lungenachari Sunar

Petition of 15.5.1926. Complains that the attention has not been bestowed on his previous petition towards investigation of the alleged fraudulent ~~sub~~ substitution of inferior pearls in the necklace belonging to the Sri Sri Kanteswaraswami Temple at Mangalore.

38 The result of the investigation into the allegations of the petitioner was reported by the Muz Comr in his letter No. 105 of 1925-6. D. 2.3.1926. ~~and that~~ ~~was~~ to the effect that no "evidence can be placed on the unsupported statements of the petitioner and that they are "vexatious and prompted by personal animosity and ill will".

39 A report is due from the Muz Comr of a re-examination of the jewels of the temple by an expert jeweller of the Palace as proposed by him in view to place the matter of the complaint beyond any reasonable doubt.

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40. The facts of this case were submitted for the genuine information of His Highness the Maharaja. vide paras 31, 32 & 33 ^{Subd.}

U 20/5/2641. Kind ref^{ce} is invited to the Notes in paras 19-23, ^{above} & to the Submission Note (on the previous page), & also to ~~the~~ ^{the} reports (JL H & D) in the matter. It will be seen that a full enquiry has been held in this matter, by the S.D.O., the D.C. & also by the M.C. & that, on the suggestion of the M.C., for the examination of the jewels by an expert goldsmith of the Palace, to place the matter beyond any reasonable doubt, the M.C. has been asked to do so, & report the result. This report is awaited.

42. The pet^r. (Lingannachari) now alleges that a full enquiry was not held. ~~But~~ ^{But} he was fully examined by the D.C. himself (JL D, last but one para) & ~~that~~ the jewels were thoroughly & more than once, examined, in the presence of ~~Dharmadas~~ ^{as the reports show}. The allegations were also shown to be malicious. The pet^r. may be sent to the Maz. Commr., in continuation of the previous ref^{ce}, & his report of the result of the expert examⁿ by the Palace goldsmith, asked to be expedited.

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44. ^{as per order} Draft Subd. It is for order, if the Muz Com may be instructed to issue an endorsement to the Petitioner communicating the result of the investigation.

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1) No endorsement to pet^r. seems necessary.

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2) The draft may be approved.

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9 To, Mus. Commission

No 1511 & 27.5.26.

Forwarded the above pet^r & calls for submission of the report on the result of re-examⁿ of the Pearl necklaces.

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From the M.C., letter no. C 512 of 25-26 & Subd: a report on the reexamination of the pearl necklaces by the Palace goldsmiths -

47. The examination of the necklaces by the Palace Head Shroff & the Mus. Ministry has not been of very much use, as they ^{reported to be} are of opinion that it is not possible to say which of the pearls contained in the necklaces were of.

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recent insertion, as they had not
seen them before. Their report has
not been sent, as stated in the
letter.

48. Further steps taken by the M.C.
to have the necklaces valued with a view
to find out if inferior pearls had been
substituted, ^{has} also proved fruitless.

49. The M.C. has, from the circumstances,
of the case, come to the conclusion
that Lingamachari's allegations are
not bona fide and are malicious &
that no further action is called for.

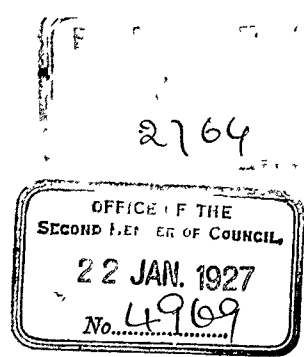
50. Subd for orders as to whether the
entire correspondence may, under the
circumstances reported, be recorded.

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51 In the circumstances
reported by the M.C. no further
action seems necessary.

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52 A final report is necessary. 2/1
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53 Final Note signed by the member is put up.
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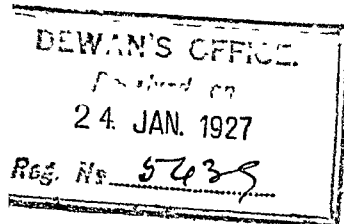
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Final Note by the Second Member of Council.

Subject:—

Alleged tampering with certain jewels in the Nanjangud Temple.

As reported in Mr. K.R.Srinivasa Iyengar's Final Note dated 14th March 1926, the Muzrai Commissioner was instructed to have the jewels of Sri Srikanteswaraswami Temple at Nanjangud examined by an expert goldsmith attached to the Palace, with a view to remove all possible doubt in the matter of the alleged substitution of inferior pearls for good ones by certain servants of the temple. The Palace Head-Shroff and the Sunar Maistry accordingly visited the temple in May 1926 and submitted a report to the effect that it was not possible to say which of the pearls, if any, were of recent insertion as they had not seen the jewels before. With a view, however, to find out whether the prices of the pearls in the necklaces compared favourably with the valuation made on previous occasions, Messrs C. Krishniah Chetty & Sons of Bangalore were requested to examine them, but the Firm replied that owing to some inconvenience, it could not attend to the task.

2. The Muzrai Commissioner states that there are ^{in the necklaces} some inferior pearls, but that it is not possible to say if they are in substitution of superior ones. He adds that, in the absence of any previous record to show how many of the pearls were inferior, it is not possible to place any value on the ^xallegations that the substitution was made in the presence of the Amildar and some of the temple servants and that two of the respectable Dharmadarsis of the temple took no notice of the tampering, though it was brought to their notice. All these persons have ^xstated that the allegation is untrue. In view of these facts, the Muzrai Commissioner states that Lingannachari

allegation is not bona-fide and is malicious. It is proposed in these circumstances to take no further action in the matter.

3. The papers are submitted for His Highness' gracious perusal.

Bangalore,
24th January 1927. |

M. N. Venkataswami
MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

Submitted to His Highness.



*I submit herewith a Final Note by the ^{Second}.....
Member of Council on the subject of.....alleged tampering
with certain jewels in the Nanjangud temple,.....
.....
for His Highness' gracious ~~approval~~ perusal.*

Bangalore, }
24th Jany.1926. }

Mirza M. Ismail-
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of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.



Papers relating to the alleged  
tampering with certain jewels in the  
Nanjangud temple.

Order.

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*Paul Lee*

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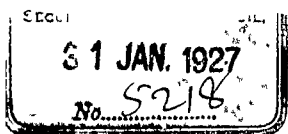
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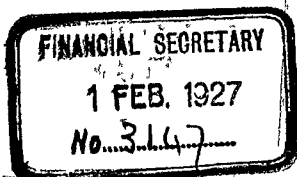


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b5 Draft of letter is submitted for perusal

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Mar Comm No 14638 8.2.27

States that Govt agree  
that no further action is  
called for in the matter

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Prop 102

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To

The Dewan,

to the Government of His Highness the

Maharaja of Mysore, B.A. G. M. Z. 102

REV. SECRETARY  
31 OCT 1925  
D. 528

The humble memorial of Lingachari, Surar,  
Srikanteswara Swamy Temple, Nanjangud.

Most Respectfully Submits,

1. That the memorialist has served faithfully and loyally  
for eighteen years as a Surar or Goldsmith in the Srikanteswara  
swamy temple. His duties are to scrutinize the jewels when  
they are taken out or placed inside the "Bokkas", attending  
to the minor repairs of the jewels; to be present on all  
occasions when jewels are removed from the Bokkas.

2. The humble memorialist begs to draw the Government's  
kind attention to the fact, that during the last Chikraajatra  
or Chikraajatra, the costly jewels in the Bokkas, when taken  
out, were in proper condition, but while they were to be placed  
back to the Bokkas, the memorialist found that in three "Chantis  
or Pearl-necklaces", 8-7-4 i.e., 19 costly pearls in all were  
substituted by imitation pearls, which fact the memorialist  
explained to the officers and Shamshadars present and requested  
them to register the charge. But the officers consoling  
him, saying that they would first find out the cause before  
registering the same, and thus mixed up the matter for some  
time being.

3. During the Aridra-parvata and Big Car-festival  
when the jewels were taken out of the Bokkas, though the  
memorialist ought to be present, he was not at all summoned.

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This is  
the subject  
of the memorial  
submitted on 10/10/25

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4. But six months hence during the "Girija-Nalaya" day before to the Aashi-gatra procession, the Amildar suddenly summoned me at 10 P.M. to the upstairs of Chikharmane and in the presence of Shanbhog Kittappa, Stanika Aridartish, and Manjappa Dixitar, Sheristadar Shivarani, directed him to replace the 19 imitation pearls with different inferior quality pearls, which the Amildar produced, saying that they were sent by the Government and the necklaces are to be used the next day. Being all alone and under the threatening mood of the officer I could not do anything but to obey his orders. The doubt-ful nature of the night excursions and the Amildar's threat to keep quiet, filled me with suspicion and since then the memorialist tried to investigate the case.

5. About three months back, somehow this replacement of costly pearls with inferior ones leaked out to the public and appeared in the columns of the newspapers, after which the sub-division officer and the Deputy Commissioner made a show of an inspection and thus white-washed the affair. Given to this inspection the memorialist was not summoned.

6. In trying to investigate the case, the memorialist has ~~learned~~ learnt that one Stanika Shammish and Shanbhog Kittappa have sold the above named 19 costly pearls, with the help of one Chandrasekarachari to a jewellers shop at Bangalore.

7. The three pearls-necklaces are costly ones and the 19 pearls that are replaced will cost not less than Rs. 10,000/- (ten thousand rupees) and the replaced Kardamani or inferior ones not more than Rs. 500/- (three-hundred).

8. The memorialist being fully aware of his responsibility as a loyal servant and also the most horrible sin he is committing to God in hiding these facts has ventured, at the cost of being under the displeasure of the local officers, to bring these facts to His Highnesses kind notice and thus relieve himself

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himself from his responsibility to His Highnesses and to God.

9. The memorialist further begs to add that the valuation of costly jewels in the Register is very low, being valued hundreds of years back and the present value being 10 to 15 times higher there is much room for increase; and prays that His Highness will be pleased to order for immediate intimation with expert Palace-Junar or Goldsmiths and book the culprits and thus avoid these sinful deeds being committed in the temple which is the most sacred place.

I beg to remain,

Most Respected Sir,

Your humble and loyal servant,

Dated. 28-10-1925

Nanjangud.

ஸ்ரீராமகிருஷ்ண

Junar Priest at Nanjangud Temple.

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No. 1257

OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY

TO HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,

GEN. & REV. SECRETARY  
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D. No 552

Mysore 3-11-1925

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D. S. S. S.

Petition, as shown below, to His Highness the Maharaja is transferred to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue Department, Bangalore, for disposal

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No. 463 of 1925-26

By Order,

*[Handwritten signature]*

For Private Secretary

to H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

D.No 50 - 1



To

His Highness,  
Sir Sree Krishnarajendra Wodeyar Bahadur, G.C.S.I., G.F.E.,  
to.,

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

M Y S O R E.

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Srikanteswara Swamy Temple, Nanjangud.

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3. During the Aridra-Darshana and Bij. Car-festival when the jewels were taken out of the Bokkas, though the memorialist ought to be present, he was not at all summoned.

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4. But still a silence during the "Gadga-kalyan" day before the Memorialist Proc. on, the Auditor suddenly, summoned at 10 P. M. to the auditor of Gadga and in the presence of Sirro, Kallappa, Kallappa, and Majappa Dixitar, Sheri to the 3rd rank, directed him to replace the 19 imitation pearls with different inferior quality pearls, which the Auditor produced, saying that the same sent by the Government and the necklaces are to be used the next day. Being all alone and under the threatening mood of the officer I could not do anything but to obey his order. The doubtful nature of the night excursion and the Auditor's threat to keep quiet, filled me with suspicion and since then the memorialist tried to investigate the case.

5. About three months back, so now, this replacement of costly pearls with inferior ones leaked out to the public and appeared in the columns of the newspapers, after which the sub-division officer and the Deputy Commissioner conducted an inspection and thus white-washed the affair. Ever since this inspection the memorialist was not summoned.

6. In trying to investigate the case the memorialist ~~learned~~ learnt that one Stanley Thambai and Shanba Kallappa have sold the above named 19 costly pearls, and the whole of one Chakrabharachari to a jeweller's shop at Pandhara.

7. The three pearls necklaces are costly ones and the 19 pearls that are replaced all cost not less than Rs. 10,000/- (ten thousand rupees) and the replaced inferior or imitation ones not more than Rs. 300/- (three hundred).

8. The memorialist being fully aware of his responsibility as a loyal servant and also the most horrible sin he is committing to God, in making the facts his venture, at the cost of being under the displeasure of the local officers, to bring these facts to His Highnesses and notice to the public and relieve himself

himself from his responsibility to his Master to the King.

9. The memorialist further begs to state that the value of costly jewels in the Register is very high and as the value of these hundreds of years back and the present value being 10 to 15 times higher, there is much room for misdeed; and he hopes that His Highness will be pleased to order for the purchase of these with expert Palace-Sunar or Goldsmiths and buy the culprits and thus avoid these sinful deeds being committed in the temple which is the most sacred place.

I beg to remain,

Most Respected Sir,

Your humble and Loyal Servant,

Dated. 28-10-1925

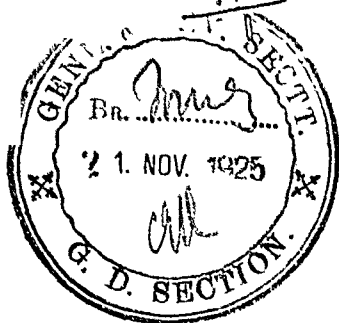
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OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY  
TO HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,

*Mysore 19. 11. 1925.*

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Petition, as shown below, to His Highness the Maharaja is transferred to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, *Revenue* Department, Bangalore, for in continuation of this office No 1257 dated 3. 11. 25.

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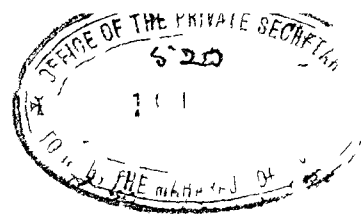
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For Private Secretary  
to H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Private Secretary,

to H.H. The Maharaja of Mysore,

M Y S O R E.



The humble memorial of H.H. The Maharaja of Mysore,  
Swami Sri Sri Sri Sri Sri

Most Respected Sir,

In continuation of my application of the 10th inst. the undersigned begs to bring to your attention that the aforesaid application has not been considered by the Officer in Charge. But for the following reasons, the undersigned begs to submit that in the interests of justice, the case may be only investigated by the Police so that there may be no delay in the trial and the pearls and culprits be found:-

1. Matters may dissolve down unless the case is taken up to their hands and the trial is completed.
2. There may be a better and prompt disposal of the case to give every facility possible to the trial, since the procedure now adopted, the Officer in Charge is not of a judicial nature.

Dated: 17

Yours faithfully,  
The Private Secretary,  
H.H. The Maharaja of Mysore,  
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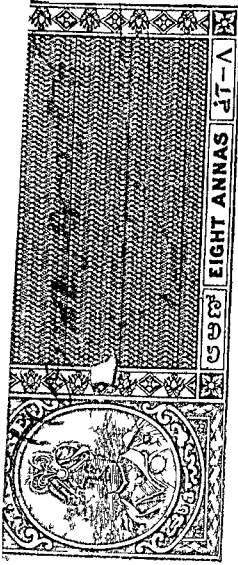
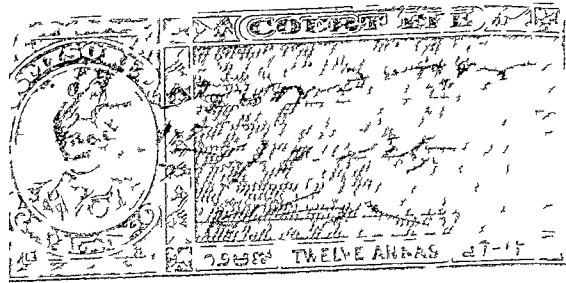
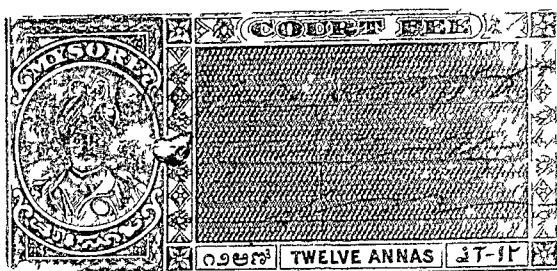
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To  
The Dewan for the Government  
of Mysore, Bangalore

Most Respected Sir,

The undersigned begs to submit the following  
for your kind consideration and favour of an early  
order.

He had petitioned to your office on 29-10-25  
about the replacement of costly Pearls in the -  
jewels of Srikanteswara Swamy Temple at Nanjangud.  
He has not been favoured with any reply in return.

The Sub Division Officer had sent for him in  
the beginning of last month and asked him to point  
out the replaced pearls which the applicant did -  
and then his statement was taken and nothing more -  
has happened since then

The applicant requests you to kindly hand over  
the investigation to some Police Officer; otherwise  
the matter will dwindle away.

Prays that his application will kindly be consi-  
dered and the matter referred to the Police.

Thanking you,

Bangalore, 1  
5-12-25.

He begs to remain,  
Respected Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd. Lingannachar, Sunar,  
Srikanteshwar Swamy Temple,  
Nanjan-ud

*Sub Division Officer*

*Representative*

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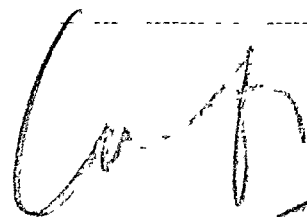
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To The Muz Comr in Mysore  
Bangalore.

Sir,

In continuation of this  
office letter no. 538/Muz 129-25-3  
of 5-11-25 forwarding for con-  
fidential enquiry and report  
a petition regd no. 528 of 28-10-25  
received from Sunas Lingama-  
chari of the Nanjanad temple  
re substitution of some inferior  
pearls for costly pearls in the  
pearl necklaces of the temple,  
I am directed to forward another  
petition regd no. 665 of 12-2-26  
from the same person praying  
that the investigation

Case may be entrusted to the  
Police and to request that the  
report called for may be obtained  
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No. P.C. 105 of 1926 *one more file* Office of the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.  
Dated Bangalore, 2nd March 1926.

From

P. Ramaswamalya, Esquire., B.A., B.L.,

Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,

Bangalore.

REV. SEC.  
4-MAR 1926  
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To

P. Grinivasa Iyengar, Esq., B.A., P.L.,

Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

Revenue Department.

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*Sir,*

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No. 809/M.F.129-25-5 dated 8th January 1926 in the matter of ----- alleged substitution of some inferior pearls for costly ones in the pearl necklace of the Sri Srikanteswaraswami temple at ----- Nanjungud, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of letter -- dated 2nd February 1926, from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore --- District, submitting a report on the allegations made by Sonar -- Lingannachari and to state as follows:--

2. The Deputy Commissioner's letter is exhaustive and deals fully with the allegations made by the Petitioner Lingannachari. During my visit to Nanjungud, on 5th February 1926, I secured the presence of Linganna chari and examined him in detail. He ----- repeated what is contained in his several petitions and statements. In the course of examination, however, he made the two following additional statements, viz.,

- (i) That he followed Sanbog Kittappa and Chandrasekharachari to Bangalore on suspicion and in order to trace out what they would do. ~~But~~ But he lost sight of them there.
- & (ii) That he did not complain about the matter at once as he believed that the Government would take up the enquiry -- themselves. Finding that they did not do so he gave the petition dated 28th October 1925.

The petitioner's version is that the substitution of imitation - pearls had taken place and was noticed by him during Chik-Jatra in about December 1924, and that the actual substitution of --- inferior quality pearls was effected during Girijakalyana in --- June 1925, in circumstances described by him.

3. I do not consider that credence can be placed on the unsupported statements of the petitioner - The plea set forth by him for not having promptly reported the matter to higher authorities and his keeping studied silence till after the departure of Mr. Purniah from Nanjungud not only belies his bonafides but goes to confirm the malicious and spiteful nature of his complaint. The temple jewels have been subjected to critical examination more - than once and have been found to be all right. It is significant that Lingannachar who is so vehement and persistent in denouncing the local officers should have signed the Sha-amal-register on - 15th December 1924 for fear as he states, of incurring the displeasure of the then Taluk Amildar. Mr. E. Krishnappa besides being a temple Dharmadarsi is an influential and respected citizen of -- Nanjungud and Chik Puttasami Setty, also a Dharmadarsi, has grown grey in the temple service and they must be relied upon when they say that Linganna chari never informed them of any such tampering with jewels. It seems to me therefore that the allegations are vexatious<sup>u</sup> and are prompted by personal animosity and ill will -- against his kinsman Chendrasekharachari and others connected with the temple management. No further investigation or examination of the jewels seems to me to be necessary. But in order that the matter is placed beyond any reasonable doubt, it may be ---- advisable to get the jewels examined by some expert goldsmiths to verify that there has been no substitution of the kind ----- complained of. Arrangement may therefore be made for one of the goldsmiths attached to the Palace being deputed to re-examine them and submit a report<sup>u</sup>. On receipt of orders, I shall place - myself in communication with the Muzuf Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja and take the necessary further action.

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4. The file of vernacular papers received with the Deputy Commissioner's letter is enclosed.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

*J. Ramaswami*  
Muzrai Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*

Letter dated 2nd February 1926 from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District to the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

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"With reference to your letter No.P.C.105 of 1925-26 dated 3-11-1925 forwarding for report a petition from sonar Lingannachari, goldsmith of Sri Srikanteswaraswami temple, Nanjangud, bringing to notice the missing of 19 costly pearls in 3 Kanties of the temple jewels, I have the honor to state that on perusal of an article in the "Mysore star" some months back, I had the temple jewels examined in the presence of the Dharmadarsées and the Sub Division Officer, Nanjangud who after a critical examination assured me that there was nothing wrong with the jewels and that there was no truth on the allegations that valuable pearls have been replaced by spurious ones. The extract of the Shaw Amil Register of date shows the result of the inspection.

Again on receipt of the memo under reply, I had the jewels --- referred to, therein, examined by the Sub Division Officer and the ---- Dharmadarsees on 8-11-1925. Though, sonar Lingannachar affirmed the allegations in the petition, the jewels did not show any evidence of substitution.

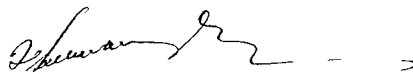
Again during the Huzur Jamabandy on 19-1-26, I myself examined the jewels in the presence of these Dharmadarsis messrs. Venkatasama Iyer, Krishnappa, and Chikka Puttasami Setti and several officials and the jewels appeared to us to be quite genuine and there was no reason to suspect that the pearls in the Kanties had been substituted. As the petitioner, Lingannachari had in his statement recorded on 8-11-25 before the Sub Division Officer, Nanjangud, stated that as soon as he noticed change in some of the pearls in the kanties, he intimated the fact to Krishnappa and Chikka Puttasami Setti, Dharmadarsis of the temple, and that though he at first declined to affix his signature to the Shaw Amil Register he eventually signed it for fear of otherwise incurring the displeasure of the then Taluk Amildar. I examined all the persons mentioned by him in that statement. Mrssrs. Krishnap and Chikka Puttasami Setti say that Lingannachari never informed them of any such tampering with ~~jewels~~ jewels. The Peshkar and other -- temple servants also say that Lingannachari never raised any objection or showed any hesitation in signing the register and that the allegations are false. Extracts of the Shaw AM Amil diaries for the several ---- dated

dates concerned are enclosed. As Lingannachari was not at Nanjangud on 19-1-26 I summoned him to Mysore with a view to personally examine him to-day and informed him of the result of my enquiries and told him that if he could give any clues and undertake to help the police in tracing the properties, I would place the matter in the <sup>hands</sup> of the C.I.D. for investigation of the case with his assistance. I have recorded the substance of his statement in the enclosed sheet. Though he makes a definite allegation against Amildar, Mr. Purniah he is unable to furnish any more details than <sup>are</sup> mentioned in his petition. He has no witnesses other than those who are already examined.

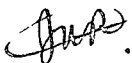
The petitioner adheres to his story but there is not a shred of independent evidence to support it. I have instructed him also to wait on you during your halt at Nanjangud on the 4th instant. Lingannachari is now thrown out of temple service. Amildar Mr. Purniah is now in Chitaldrug District. He may be able to throw some light as to why such allegations have been made against him by --- Lingannachari.

The petition received with your letter under reply, the petition received with your letter No.C.512 dated 9th November 1925, the --- petition received with your D.O. letter No.P.C.105 of 25-26 dated 9th January 1926 and a petition received direct from Lingannachari in this office are herewith enclosed. The extracts from the Shaw Amil --- Registers and the statements recorded are also enclosed."

"C o p y"



for Muzrai Commissioner.



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To

The Muzrai Commissioner,

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with <sup>you</sup> Confidential letter No. <sup>10</sup> 10 of 1925-26, dated 4th March 1926, reporting on the allegations made by Sona Lingannachar re. the substitution of some inferior pearls for costly ones in the pearl necklaces of the Sri Srikrishna Swami temple at Nanjangud, I am directed to <sup>state</sup> request that action on the lines proposed <sup>by you</sup> at the end of para 3 of the letter, under advertance, <sup>may be</sup> taken for an expert examination of the jewels, by the Palace Goldsmith and to request that the result thereof may be reported to Government at an early date.

*for an expert  
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To

The Mys Comr

Sir,

In continuation of the  
Office letter no 1258 / Mys 129-25,  
of the 30<sup>th</sup> March 1926, I am  
directed to forward you with  
another petition of the 75<sup>th</sup> inst  
received from Linganna Chari Sana  
and to request you to expedite  
the submission of the report  
called for in the above  
and the result of the re-examination  
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Office of the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 27th December 1926.

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From

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,

Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore,

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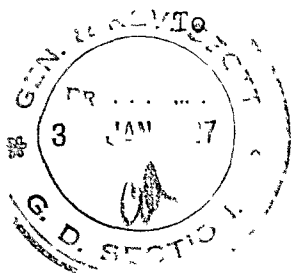
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B. Srinivasa Iyengar, Esquire., B.A., B.L.,

Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

Financial Department.



Sir,

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*Remd*

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter - No. 959/M.F.129-25 dated 26th November 1926 re alleged substitution of pearls of great value by inferior ones in the necklace of the Sri Brikanteswaraswami temple at Nanjungud, I have the honor to state that on receipt of your letter of the 30th March 1926, I placed myself in communication with the Huzur Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja and requested him to depute one of the --- goldsmiths of the Palace to make a re-examination of the pearl necklaces in respect of which substitution of spurious pearls was alleged.

2. The Palace head Shroff and the Sunar Maistry visited the temple on 10th May 1926 and made an examination of five necklaces. The report submitted by them to the effect that it is not possible to say which of the pearls contained in the necklaces were of --- recent insertion as they had not seen them before, is enclosed in original.

3. With a view to find out whether the prices of the necklaces compared favourably with the valuation made on previous occasions, a descriptive list of the necklaces together with their estimated value as entered in the property registers maintained in the temple and the Taluk Office was obtained from the Deputy Commissioner and

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sent to the Huzur Secretary with the request that the Shroff may be deputed to determine the accurate valuation of the articles at present giving details of value for the several precious stones contained in the neck-laces and of the gold they are set in, noting the weight of each. The Huzur Secretary thereafter intimated that the work as outlined above was both a difficult as well as a --- laborious one requiring plenty of time, and that as it was difficult to spare any Shroff from the <sup>a</sup>Place for an indefinite time, the ~~wxxx~~ work may be got done locally.

4. Thereupon Messrs C. Krishniah Chetty & Sons whose representatives had once before examined and valued the jewels of the Nanjungud temple were requested to intimate whether a re-examination would now be made. In reply they stated that they were unable to send their representatives to Nanjungud owing to some inconvenience.

5. The mere inspection of the neck-laces in question does not disclose any tampering though no doubt they contain some bad pearls ( *శాకుమల ముక్కలు* ) as opined by the Palace Head Shroff and the Sonar maistry Linganna chari's description of the incident as --- disclosed in his statement dated 8th November 1925 before the Sub Division Officer and subsequently before Mr. B. Ramaswamaiya on 5th February 1926 to the effect that he removed good pearls and substituted bad ones in the presence of Amildar Mr. Purnaiya and other temple servants and that he brought this to the notice of Dharmadarsi Mr. E. Krishnappa and Shroff Mr. Chik Puttasami Setty is not credible and is contradicted by them all and I <sup>can</sup> hardly believe that the Amildar and some of the Dharmadarsis actively participated in an act as dishonest as it is sacrilegious. ----- There is no previous record to show how many of the pearls are good and how many bad, so that even if the stones are taken out of their settings, any definite opinion can hardly be formed. The ----- circumstances indicate that Linganna chari's allegations are not bona-fide and are malicious. In the circumstances I am of opinion that no further action is necessary.

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6. The file of vernacular papers is enclosed for reference and kind return.

I have the honor to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

*B. S. Srinivasan*

Muzrai Commissioner.

*Rd.*

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To

*The Mysore Comr. in Mysore  
Bangalore*

Sir,

With reference to the  
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No. C. 512 of 25-26 & 31, in the  
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